



# Colorado Wool Growers Association



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Re: Docket number LS-04-06, October 15, 2004; Federal Register – page 61159,  
“Lamb Promotion and Research Program: “Procedures for the Conduct of a Referendum”

Dear Mr. Payne:

The Colorado Wool Growers Association would like to thank the USDA for its work in implementing the Lamb Promotion and Research Program. Our Association supports the proposed procedures listed in the Federal Register notice; and respectfully request that the USDA promptly distributes the final publication of the referendum procedures, and announces the referendum dates as soon as possible.

The final publication of referendum procedures and dates will allow our organization to notify producers and feeders to insure that everyone has an opportunity to vote. Colorado feeds more lambs than any state in the nation; and is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in stock sheep and wool production. The activities of the American Lamb Board have benefited all segments of our lamb meat industry, and we are looking forward to the continuation of activities under the American Lamb Board. Late January/early February is an ideal time to conduct the referendum, and we urge the USDA to finalize the details so that the referendum can take place during this time frame.

The CWGA appreciates the opportunity to comment on the “Procedures for the Conduct of a Referendum.” Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

John Bartmann  
CWGA President

CC: Peter Orwick, ASI